

CONNICK LAUDS PETRE SUPPORT

Claims Backing for Him
Shows Leadership

Harry Connick, candidate for District Attorney in the Nov. 8 Democratic primary, said Monday mayoral candidate John J. Petre's endorsement of him was a significant contribution to his candidacy.

Coming so early in the campaign, Connick said, the endorsement manifests a high order of leadership.

"It is a tangible expression of the concern that every thoughtful, responsible public and civic leader in our community feels about crime in the streets," he said.

"I am deeply grateful.

"Mr. Petre's endorsement is significant for several other reasons. He has again demonstrated leadership.

CRIME CONDITIONS

"He is the first mayoralty candidate to take a stand against the apathy, indifference and neglect that allows the conditions of crime to exist in the City of New Orleans.

"He is the first to demonstrate his concern about crime in the streets by squarely focusing on the operation of the district attorney's office.

"Mr. Petre recognizes that in addition to increasing the number on our police force and giving them better salaries and benefits that an honest, fulltime, efficient district attorney's office is also an absolute necessity in the fight against crime and criminals.

"In sum, Mr. Petre is the first mayoral candidate to examine the entire problem of crime in our community and the first to squarely face the problem and take a firm stand.

LOOKS FOR MORE

"His endorsement makes it possible for me to receive other endorsements for district attorney."

It is evidence, if evidence be needed, Connick said, that Petre has a deep understanding of the wishes of the people of New Orleans and the knowledge through his 12 years in government that an effective district attorney can reinforce the city's



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ability to suppress and stop crime in the streets.

It is a tribute to his unchallenged reputation as an honest, conscientious and intelligent public official, he added.

"I am highly honored by his endorsement," said Connick.